



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Marlboro County School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 4,134**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Helena Tillar**  
**Board Chair: Lucy Parsons**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	F	N/A
2012	At-Risk	Good	N/A	N/A	F	N/A
2011	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	1	11	5	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/16/2014. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS					
PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	57.4%	54.0%	49.8%	52.4%	53.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	62.4%	56.4%	53.6%	59.8%	60.2%
Average District	76.9%	73.4%	73.0%	75.7%	74.5%

PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	18.6%	13.2%	7.6%	11.3%	12.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	24.5%	17.9%	10.0%	18.3%	18.4%
Average District	41.7%	35.6%	23.9%	36.9%	33.8%

HSAP			
HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	60.5%	23.0%	16.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.7%	18.4%	14.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)	
District	84.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.4%

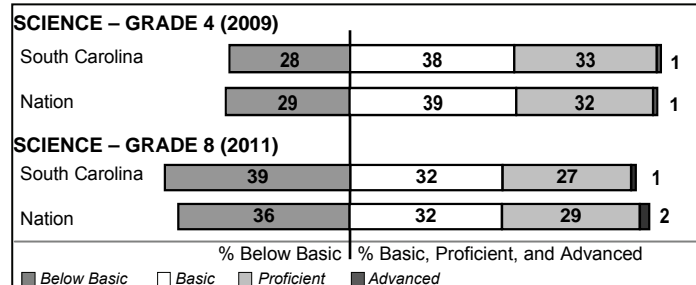
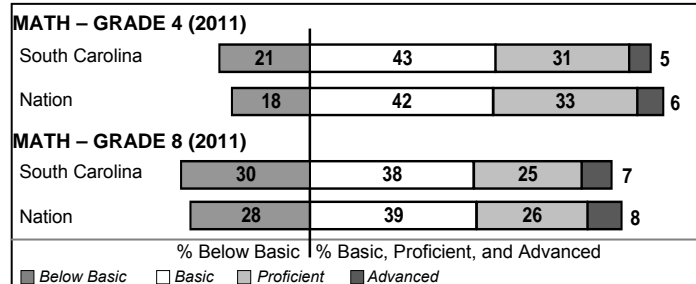
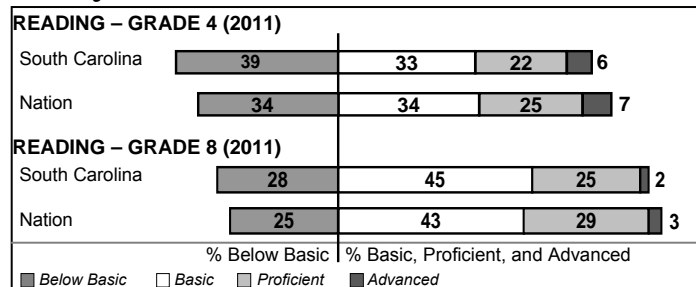
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	57.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	54.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	75.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.7%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

### Abbreviations Key

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=4,134)</b>				
Retention rate	3.2%	Down from 3.9%	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.9%	No Change	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.5%	N/A	6.2%	12.0%
With disabilities	16.4%	N/A	13.3%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	6.4%	N/A	6.4%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Down from 2.1%	0.8%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	3.1%	Up from 1.8%	5.0%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	61.5%	N/A	48.5%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	5.2%	Down from 29.2%	27.7%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	165	Down from 201	32	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	48	Down from 53	17	37
Annual dropout rate	3.7%	Down from 4.3%	1.7%	2.3%
<b>Teachers (n=269)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.9%	Down from 60.1%	59.9%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	79.2%	Down from 80.6%	71.9%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.5%	Up from 88.3%	85.9%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Up from 93.8%	94.8%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,376	Down 0.5%	\$44,019	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	3.0%	Up from 1.4%	1.1%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.4%	Down from 10.4%	4.4%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	9.1 days	Down from 11.4 days	9.6 days	10.3 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.5	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Down from 21.4 to 1	20.8 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 88.3%	89.2%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,724	Down 2.3%	\$10,188	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.0%	Up from 48.7%	48.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.0%	Up from 51.6%	51.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	12	Up from 9	6	11
Portable classrooms	0.7%	Down from 2.4%	1.1%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	Up from 8.0	5.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$68,518	Down 1.3%	\$74,517	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	40.2	Down from 48.4	63.8	81.0

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Community Members:

Our district had many outstanding accomplishments during the 2012-13 school year. The graduating class earned more than \$6 million in scholarships, a district record. The School of Discovery and Bennettsville Primary School received A ratings on the ESEA Waiver. The School of Discovery and Marlboro County High School received Palmetto Silver Awards while Wallace Elementary Middle School was a Palmetto Gold Award recipient. Clio Elementary Middle School increased its academic effectiveness and, as a result, was removed from the State's Palmetto Priority listing. The district celebrated the success of six students who had PASS perfect scores in mathematics, science, ELA or writing, as well as six SC Junior Scholars. Marlboro County School District is once again a pilot site for the National Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Early Childhood Program for summer 2013. This year, summer academies were initiated to promote success in English and mathematics literacy. One of the many new initiatives is Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW), an integral segment of middle school professional development. MMGW is a research based systemic approach dedicated to the improvement of middle schools. The district increased its emphasis in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and is now committed to augmenting its efforts in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). A focus on international education through the exploration of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program was started. Additionally, the district created a scholarship task force which will target high school students for various scholarships. One scholarship emphasized will be the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship which offers full free tuition to undergraduate students through their graduate degree programs. We are the proud recipients of a shared \$6 million PEAK (Promoting Excellence for All Kids) Grant. This grant is in partnership with the National Children's Defense Fund and East Baton Rouge, Louisiana School District. Extended learning opportunities for children in grades K-8 are provided to move them from adequate performance to optimal achievement levels. The SC Commission on Higher Education has provided funding to make college and technical job training a priority in Marlboro County. This initiative is named the Marlboro EDGE (Education Drives a Generation to Excel). One of its main educational outreach strategies is to provide a free college education at Northeastern Technical College for any graduating senior of Marlboro County. Bennettsville Intermediate School was given an extensive makeover through renovation efforts. The new Blenheim Elementary Middle School opened its doors in January. This momentous opening was celebrated by the entire Marlboro County community with a dedication program and ribbon cutting ceremony. A \$20 million Marlboro County Education Improvement Referendum was passed in November for the construction of a new school facility in the Wallace attendance area. Through the collaborative efforts of both our internal and external stakeholders, our school district remains committed to academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, and motivating all children to succeed with dignity. Helena Tillar, Ed.D, Superintendent

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NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status